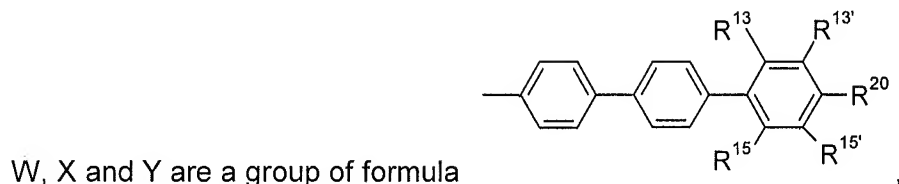
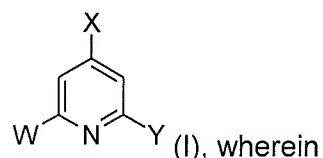


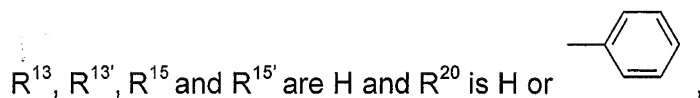
In the claims:

**1-3. (cancelled)**

**4. (currently amended)** ~~[[The]]~~ A pyridine compound according to claim 1, of formula I

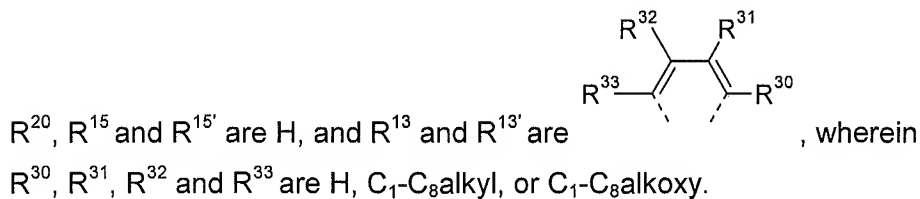
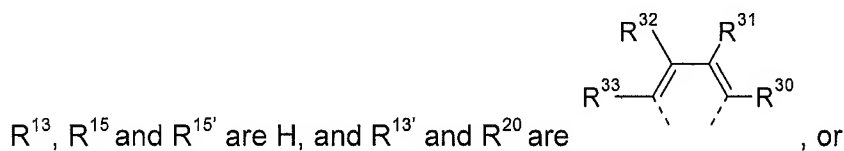


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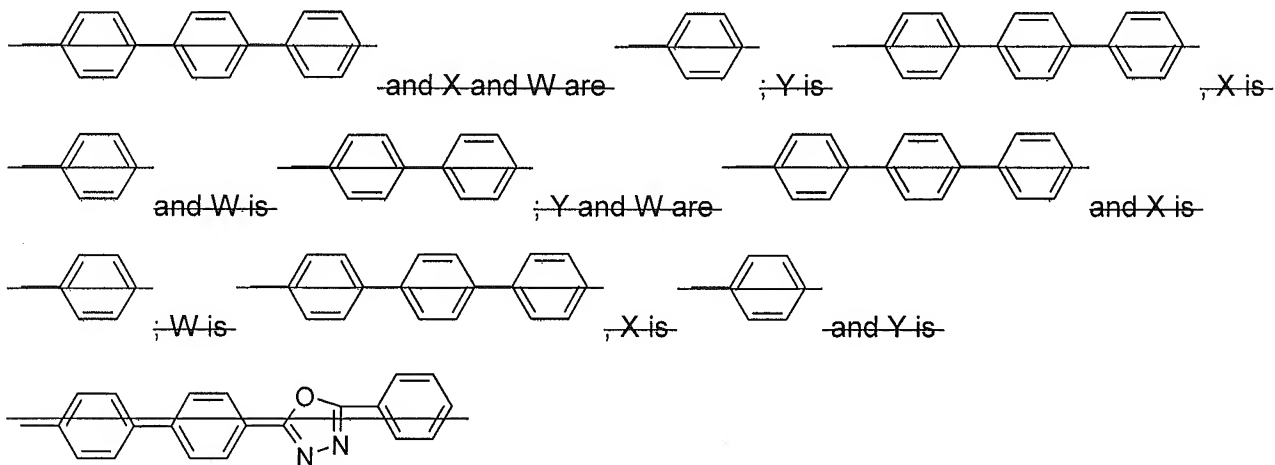
or

$R^{13}$  and  $R^{15}$  are H,  $R^{13'}$  and  $R^{15'}$  are independently of each other H,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_8$ alkoxy, and  $R^{20}$  is H,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ alkyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_8$ alkoxy; or



5-8. (cancelled)

9. (withdrawn and amended) An electroluminescent device, comprising a pyridine compound of formula I according to claim 4, ~~1~~and/or compounds of formula I, wherein Y is-

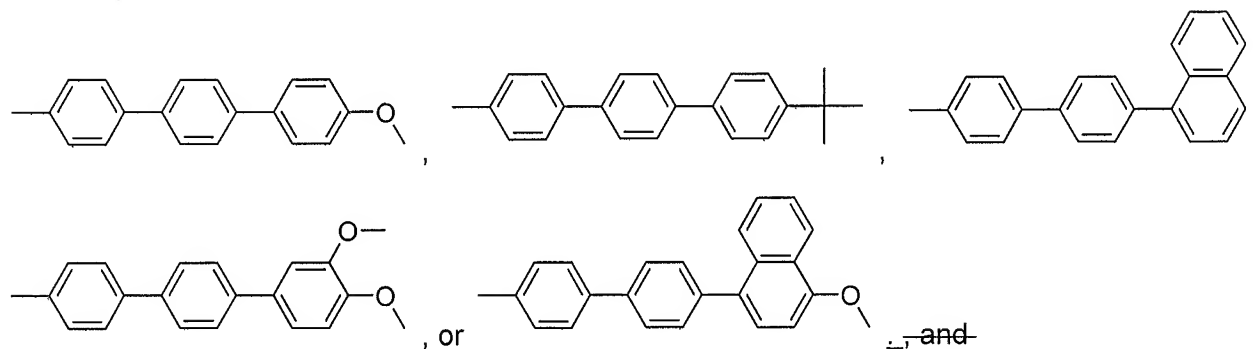


10. (withdrawn) Electroluminescent device according to claim 9, wherein the electroluminescent device comprises in this order

- (a) an anode
- (b) a hole injecting layer and/or a hole transporting layer
- (c) a light-emitting layer
- (d) optionally an electron transporting layer and
- (e) a cathode.


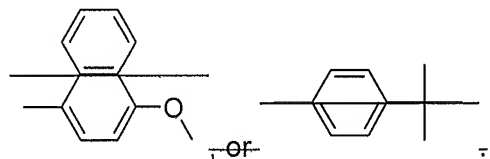
11-15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) The pyridine compound according to claim 4 ~~[[7]]~~, wherein



The figure shows six chemical structures of aromatic compounds, each with horizontal lines indicating connection points for polymer synthesis:

- 1. A benzene ring with two horizontal lines at the para positions.
- 2. Two benzene rings connected by a single bond, with horizontal lines at the para positions of both rings.
- 3. A benzene ring connected to a methoxy group (-OCH<sub>3</sub>) at the para position, with horizontal lines at the other para position and the methoxy oxygen.
- 4. A benzene ring with two methoxy groups (-OCH<sub>3</sub>) at the meta positions, with horizontal lines at the other meta positions and the methoxy oxygens.
- 5. Two benzene rings connected by a single bond, with horizontal lines at the para positions of both rings.



or

R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>15</sup> are H, R<sup>13'</sup> and R<sup>15'</sup> are independently of each other H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>alkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>alkoxy, and R<sup>20</sup> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>alkyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>alkoxy.